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MEETING 8 MARCH 1974

BEGIN SUMMARY: AHG MEETING ON 8 MARCH WITH NORWEGIAN
REP (VARNO) IN THE CHAIR, DISCUSSED THE REPORT OF
THE AHG REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PREVIOUS DAYS' INFORMAL
SESSION WITH THE EAST. ALSO ADDRESSED WERE THE
DRAFT OUTLINE OF THE PRESENTATION ON VERIFICATION AND
NON-CIRCUMVENTION FOR THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION WITH
THE EAST AND THE DRAFT WEEKLY AHG CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.
ALLIED REPS WHO ATTENDED AN INFORMAL SESSION WITH
EAST ON 7 MARCH REPORTED THAT THIS SESSION WAS
ARGUMENTATIVE AND OF LIMITED PRODUCTIVITY. REPS OF THE
EAST EXPRESSED RESISTANCE TO THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT

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AND THE WESTERN PHASE I REDUCTION PROPOSAL. EAST REPS

PUSHED HARD FOR WESTERN ACCEPTANCE OF THE EAST'S
REVISED SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL. EAST APPEARED TO
ACCEPT CANCELLATION OF PLENARY ON 12 MARCH DUE TO NO ONE
HAVING EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SPEAK.

IN AHG SESSION, BEGLIAN REP ATTEMPTED TO CONVINCE
THE AHG TO EXPAND REPRESENTATION AT THE INFORMAL
SESSIONS WITH THE EAST. ALL OTHER AHG MEMBERS, IN-
CLUDING THE FLANK STATES, RESISTED THIS MOVE. AFTER
DISCUSSION, THE AHG AGREED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN
FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM BRUSSELS ON VERIFICATION AND NON-
CIRCUMVENTION BEFORE THE EASTER RECESS. AS A
RESULT, THE DRAFT OUTLINE ON THESE SUBJECTS FOR
PRESENTATION TO THE EAST WAS STRUCTURED TO REFLECT ONLY
CURRENTLY AGREED POSITIONS ON THESE SUBJECTS.
THE LUXEMBOURG REP WAS SELECTED TO PRESENT THE OUTLINE
ON VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION AT THE NEXT
PLENARY SESSION WITH THE EAST. THE WEEKLY REPORT OF THE
AHG CHAIRMAN WAS AMENDED TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT THE
EAST HAS ONLY PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED REDUCTION OF
PLENARY SESSIONS TO ONE PER WEEK. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT.

1. 7 MARCH INFORMAL SESSION WITH EAST.

A. AD HOC GROUP MEETING WAS OPENED BY CHAIRMAN
NORWEGIAN REP (VARNO). DISCUSSION OF INFORMAL SESSION
WITH EASTERN REPS OF 7 MARCH WAS THE FIRST ORDER OF
BUSINESS. CHAIRMAN ASKED FOR COMMENTS BY THOSE
REPRESENTATIVES WHO ATTENDED THE INFORMAL SESSION.
FRG REP (BEHREND) STATED THAT THE SESSION PRODUCED
CONSIDERABLE ARGUMENTATION BUT IN HIS VIEW WAS NOT
VERY PRODUCTIVE. EASTERN REPS HAD SHOWED LESS
FLEXIBILITY THAN THEY HAD PREVIOUSLY. WHEN PROBED
ON COMMON CEILING, EASTERN REPS RESPONDED THAT THEY
OPPOSED THE COMMON CEILING ON ONLY GROUND FORCES BUT
THEY COULD NOT BE PINNED DOWN INTO STATING THAT THIS
WAS THEIR ONLY OBJECTION TO THE COMMON CEILING
CONCEPT. THEY STATED THAT THE COMMON CEILING WAS UN-
REALISTIC IF IT JUST CONTAINED MANPOWER BUT WHEN
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ASKED BY THE FRG REP IF THERE SHOULD BE A COMMON
CEILING ON TANKS AND AIRCRAFT THEY DREW BACK. THE
FRG REP NOTED THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE SOME
DIFFICULTY BETWEEN THE EASTERN REPS AS TO JUST WHAT
ANSWERS TO GIVE TO POINTED QUESTIONS. THEY WERE ALSO
EVASIVE ON PHASING. EASTERN REPS HAD PUSHED
STRONGLY FOR THEIR REVISED SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONS PROPOSAL.
WESTERN REPS DID NOT ENCOURAGE THEM TO PURSUE THIS

MATTER. HOWEVER, THE FRG REP EXPECTED THEM TO CONTINUE TO PUSH THIS CONCEPT. ADDITIONALLY, THE US DEP REP RAISED WITH THE EASTERN REPS THE INTERVENTION BY THE SOVIET REP (KHLESTOV) AT THE 7 MARCH PLEANARY. KHLESTOV SAID HE WILL CONTINUE TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO ANY DISCUSSION OF STABILIZING MEASURES 2, 3 AND 4 AS BEING UNRELATED TO MBFR NEGOTIATIONS, BUT INDICATED THAT HE WOULD DO SO IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT DISRUPT PLENARY PROCEEDINGS.

B. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) STATED THAT HE AGREED WITH THE VIEWS OF THE FRG REP. HE DID NOT FEEL THE INFORMAL SESSION WITH THE EAST WAS PRODUCTIVE IN THE SENSE OF MAKING PROGRESS. IT WAS INTERESTING TO SEE THAT WHEN THE EAST WAS BACKED INTO A CORNER, THEY DID NOT SEEM PREPARED TO PRODUCE SPECIFIC ANSWERS. THEY WERE MORE RIGID IN THEIR APPROACH THAN PREVIOUSLY, PUSHING HARD FOR THEIR REVISED SYMBOLIC REDUCTION. THE CANADIAN REP OBSERVED THAT WHETHER THE EAST ADMITS IT OR NOT, THEY HAVE IN EFFECT ACCEPTED THE PHASING CONCEPT BY PROPOSING THEIR REVISED SYMBOLIC REDUCTION AS A SUPPOSEDLY INITIAL STEP. HE OBSERVED THAT THE WEST SHOULD EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE MORE MEETINGS WITH AN ATMOSPHERE SIMILAR TO THE ONE OF 7 MARCH. HE COMMENTED THAT WESTERN REPS MUST BE PATIENT AND KEEP THEIR SENSE OF HUMOR.

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C. US DEP REP AGREED WITH PREVIOUS ASSESSMENTS AND STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME MOVEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL POINTS OF INTEREST TO ALLIES. THE SOVIETS HAD RECONFIRMED THAT THERE NEED NOT BE NATIONAL SUB-CEILINGS AFTER A REDUCTION OF ALL FORCES. THE WEST COULD CLAIM THAT THE SOVIETS HAD ACCEPTED THIS PRINCIPLE IN PROPOSING THEIR SYMBOLIC REDUCTION IDEA. POINTS REQUESTED BY NETHERLANDS REP WERE MADE WITH THE EAST ON THE ESSENTIAL AND IMPORTANT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US/SOVIET REDUCTIONS AND NON US NATO NON-SOVIET PACT REDUCTIONS. IN REPLY TO US DEP REPS INQUIRY CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF NOT HOLDING A PLENARY ON 12 MARCH, KHLESTOV HAD STATED HE WOULD INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER ANY EASTERN REP DESIRED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. KHLESTOV WOULD NOT AGREE TO THE CONCEPT OF HAVING ONLY ONE PLEANRY SCHEDULED PER WEEK, BUT HE WOULD AGREE TO CANCELLING A SCHEDULED PLENARY IF NO ONE WANTED TO SPEAK.

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D. UK REP (ROSE) OBSERVED THAT THIS SESSION HAD BEEN STRIKING IN THAT THE EAST PUSHED SO HARD FOR THEIR SYMBOLIC REDUCTION PROPOSAL. HE ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIETS HAD DROPPED THEIR IDEA OF A TWO-STAGE FOREIGN AND NATIONAL REDUCTION. FRG REP REPLIED THAT IN HIS OPINION COURSE OF PRESENT SESSION CONFIRMED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS ADVANCED DURING THE PREVIOUS INFORMAL SESSION, PRIMARILY FOR ARGUMENTATION PURPOSES. IN THE PRESENT SESSION, KHLESTOV HAD INDICATED HE WAS DROPPING THAT ELEMENT OF THEIR PROPOSAL. FRG REP BELIEVED THAT EAST WAS PUTTING GREAT EMPHASIS ON THE SYMBOLIC REDUCTION. UK REP POSED AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE SOVIET SYMBOLIC REDUCTIONPROPOSAL STILL ADVOCATED A WITHDRAWAL OF 20,000 ON EACH SIDE. UK DEP REP SAID NO, THAT THE SOVIETS STATED THE REDUCTION COULD BE AS LITTLE AS ONE PERCENT ON EACH SIDE. US DEP REP ALSO NOTED THAT KHLESTOV HAD REMARKED THAT IF THE QUESTIONABLE NATO FIGURES COULD BE CONSIDERED ACCURATE, THAT WOULD ENTAIL ONLY A TOTAL REDUCTION OF ONLY 7,700 NATO PERSONNEL. CANADIAN REP INTERJECTED THAT KHLESTOV ALSO MADE THE REMARK THAT THE SYMBOLIC CUT NEED ONLY BE ONE-HALF OF ONE PERCENT IF THE WEST DESIRED. US DEPREP STATED THAT WESTERN REPS EXPRESSED THEIR DISLIKE OF THE SOVIET PROPOSAL, POINTING

OUT TO THE EASTERN REPS THAT IT WOULD PERPETUATE THE EXISTING FORCE DISPARITIES AND SET A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE REDUCTIONS. KHLESTOV REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE A PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE, TO WHICH ALLIES HAD REPLIED ON THE CONTRARY IT WOULD SET A PRECEDENT.

E. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) ASKED IF THE EASTERN PROPOSALS INCLUDED ONLY GROUND FORCES. FRG REP REPLIED THAT THIS POINT WAS NOT ADDRESSED AND THAT IT WAS HIS OPINION THAT IT HAD BEEN LEFT OPEN. NETHERLANDS REP STATED THAT THE WHOLE EASTERN CONCEPT WAS UNACCEPTABLE BUT THAT IT DID COME CLOSE TO THE IDEA OF A FORCE FREEZE AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS THE WEST COULD TAKE THE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE WHEN THE TIME WAS RIGHT. FURTHERMORE, HE RECOMMENDED THAT THE WEST PRESS THE COMMON CEILING CONCEPT WITH VIGOR. DEPUTY BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) STATED THAT HE WAS STRUCK BY THE EAST'S APPARENT INCHING TOWARD THE FORCE FREEZE CONCEPT. HE OBSERVED THAT, PREVIOUSLY,
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THE EAST APPEARED TO WANT TO HAVE A FREEZE ON FORCES PRIOR TO REDUCTIONS. NOW IT APPEARS THAT THEY WANT TO REDUCE TO JUSTIFY THE FREEZE. IF THE WEST ACCEPTS THIS PROPOSAL, THE WEST WOULD IN EFFECT, FREEZE THE FORCE DISPARITIES. HE AGREED THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE WEST, BUT FELT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE TRYING TO FIND SOME COMMON GROUND. HE FELT THE WEST SHOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT ALL PARTS OF THE EASTERN PROPOSALS TO FIND POINTS WORTH CONSIDERING.

F. ITALIAN REP (CAGIATI) ASKED WHETHER THE EAST HAD REPEATED THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT A COUNTRY NEED ONLY REDUCE ONE OR TWO SOLDIERS UNDER THEIR PROPOSAL. FRG REP REPLIED THAT THEY HAD NOT. NETHERLANDS REP (QUARLES) REITERATED THAT ALTHOUGH THE TOTAL PACT PROPOSAL WAS UNACCEPTABLE, IT CONTAINED POSITIVE ELEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE EXPLOITED. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE WEST MIGHT OFFER ACCEPTANCE OF A FORCE FREEZE IN EXCHANGE FOR PACT ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMON CEILING. HE OBSERVED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS TO SPEND A YEAR OR MORE, AS THE PACT APPEARED TO BE PROPOSING, IN NEGOTIATING A REDUCTION OF 7,700 MEN.

G. UK REP SAID THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL MIGHT BE EXPLOITED EITHER TO MOVE TOWARD PHASING OR TOWARD A FORCE FREEZE, BUT NOT BOTH. HOWEVER, THE EASTERN PROPOSAL DID NOT PROVIDE FOR PHASING AS WE DEFINE IT, I.E., U.S./ SOVIET REDUCTIONS FIRST, FOLLOWED BY A NATO/PACT PHASE. IF TAKEN AS A WHOLE, THE PROPOSAL WOULD NOT PRODUCE

BOTH PHASING AND A FORCE FREEZE.

H. US DEP REP SUGGESTED THAT THE RESULTS OF THIS
INFORMAL SESSION SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE ROMANIANS.
IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT ALLIES KEEP THE ROMANIANS
INFORMED IN ORDER TO PRECLUDE THEIR CAUSING ANY
DIFFICULTIES DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE CANADIAN
REP WAS SELECTED TO BRIEF THE ROMANINANS ON 11 MARCH.

I. CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED THAT FOR NEXT
WEEK'S INFORMAL SESSIONS THE FRG AND CANADIAN REPS
SHOULD BE REPLACED BY THE UK AND BELGIAN REPRESENTATIVES,
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TO WHICH THERE WAS NO OBJECTION. HOWEVER, ACTING

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BELGIAN REP STATED THAT BELGIUM HAD AGREED TO THIS PARTICULAR REPRESENTATIONAL FORMULA FOR THE INFORMAL SESSIONS IN ORDER TO DEFINE AND EXPEDITE PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD KEEP THE EAST AND WEST DIALOGUE PROGRESSIVE. HE STATED THAT WHILE THE BELGIANS WERE CURRENTLY SATISFIED WITH THE THREE NATION NATO REPRESENTATION AT THESE INFORMAL SESSIONS, THIS WAS ONLY ONE QUARTER OF THE NATO COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DANGER IN THE FACT THAT THE GDR WANTED TO INCREASE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE INFORMAL SESSIONS TO FOUR NATIONS ON EACH SIDE IN ORDER THAT THE EAST MIGHT BRING IN THEIR FOURTH DIRECT PARTICIPANT. THIS, THE BELGIAN REP OBSERVED, WOULD INSTANTLY REALIZE THE IDEA THAT THESE INFORMAL SESSIONS WERE ONLY FOR DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE WEST

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SHOULD ENLARGE THE NATO GROUP NOW AND THUS PRE-EMPT THE DIRECT PARTICIPANT ONLY CONCEPT.

J. UK REP RESPONDED THAT THE COMPOSITION OF THESE SESSIONS WAS VERY DELICATELY BALANCED AND THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO CHANGE THIS COMPOSITION JUST AT THE TIME WHEN THE SESSIONS WERE MOVING FROM PRIMARILY WESTERN SUBJECTS, THAT IS GROUND FORCES, TO PRIMARILY EASTERN SUBJECTS, THAT IS AIR AND NUCLEAR. TO ENLARGE THE GROUP AT THIS TIME, JUST WHEN THE EAST WANTS TO PRESENT SUBJECTS THAT THE WEST DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO DISCUSS WOULD BE A SERIOUS MISTAKE. HE RECOMMENDED THAT ALLIES STAY WITH THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT UNTIL THE END OF THIS SESSION. UK REP REITERATED THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE THE POINT THAT THIS PARTICULAR GROUP COMPOSITION WAS AN EXPERIMENTAL ARRANGEMENT AND THAT AFTER THE END OF THIS SESSION, IN MID-APRIL PERHAPS, ALLIES SHOULD REVIEW OUR PROCEDURES ON THIS MATTER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE NEXT SESSION IN MAY.

K. TURKISH REP (UNAN) SUPPORTED THE COMMENTS OF THE UK REP AND REMARKED THAT THE WEST WAS TRYING TO FIND AN OPENING FOR A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH THE EAST THROUGH THESE INFORMAL CONTACTS. UNAN FURTHER NOTED THAT IF ALLIES ARE SUCCESSFUL WE CAN PERHAPS MOVE THESE TALKS INTO THE FORMAL ORGANS OF THE CONFERENCE, BUT ALLIES NEED TO HAVE MORE TIME TO EVALUATE RESULTS OF THIS EXPERIMENT BEFORE THEY CHANGE THEIR

ORGANIZATION. FRG REP SUPPORTED THE COMMENTS OF THE UK AND TURKISH REPS. HE NOTED THAT BOTH KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY HAD ASKED IF FOUR ON EACH SIDE WAS ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THEY WANTED TO INCLUDE ALL OF THEIR DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. GREEK REP (DOUNTAS) SUPPORTED THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS OF THE UK, FRG AND TURKISH REPS. HE REMARKED THAT IF ALLIES EXPANDED AS THE BELGIAN REP HAD PROPOSED THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO BLOCK THE INCLUSION OF THE FOURTH PACT DIRECT PARTICIPANT, THUS CREATING THE SITUATION THEY WANTED TO AVOID. ALLIES DID NOT WANT TO MODIFY THE REPRESENTATION FORMULA TO ALLOW THESE INFORMAL SESSIONS

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TO BECOME A CLOSED, DIRECT PARTICIPANT GROUP. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT IT APPEARED THERE WAS NO NEED TO PRESS THIS POINT FURTHER.

1. CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT OUTLINE ON VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION.

2. DRAFT OUTLINE FOR PRESENTATION ON VERIFICATION AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION

A. THE US DEP REP STATED THAT THE AHG SHOULD SUPPORT GENERAL LANGUAGE IN THE DRAFT PROVIDING FOR VERIFICATION BY OBSERVERS WHICH HAD BEEN CONTESTED IN DRAFTING GROUP. THIS WAS A DIRECT QUOTATION FROM PREVIOUS PLENARY STATEMENTS BY THE WEST. FRG REP STATED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO IMPLICATION OF A REQUIREMENT FOR VERIFICATION OF STABILIZING MEASURES, AS THIS POINT EXCEEDED COUNCILGUIDANCE TO THE AHG. BELGIAN REP STATED THAT HE FELT THAT THE TEXT DEALING WITH THIS POINT WAS SUFFICIENTLY AMBIGUOUS SO AS TO BE ACCEPTABLE. CANADIAN REP SUPPORTED THE BELGIAN REP. FRG REP ADDED THAT THE FRG COULD NOT SUPPORT ANY IMPLICATION OF THE ACCEPTABILITY OF VERIFICATION UTILIZING PERMANENT

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GROUND OBSERVATION POSTS, BUT ACCEPTED THE TEXT DEALING WITH USE OF OBSERVERS. HE ALSO STATED HIS BELIEF THAT POINTS IN THE TEXT DEALING WITH POST-REDUCTION VERIFICATION EXCEEDED COUNCIL GUIDANCE. THE US DEP REP POINTED OUT THAT THE TEXT STATED A COMMON SENSE REQUIREMENT THAT THIS TYPE OF VERIFICATION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED. HOW THIS VERIFICATION WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED OF COURSE REMAINED TO BE DEFINED. THE NETHERLANDS REP STATED THAT HE COULD ACCEPT THIS POINT, BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRINCIPLE THAT NO AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED WITHIN NATO AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE USE OF OBSERVERS SHOULD BE PROTECTED.

B. THE US DEP REP STATED THAT IN THE SPIRIT OF OBTAINING A GROUP CONSENSUS ON THE OUTLINE HE WOULD BE WILLING TO DROP POINTS MENTIONING POSSIBLE ROLES
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OF OBSERVERS. ALL AGREED TO THIS PROPOSAL. THE FRG ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT POINTS DEALING WITH THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OBSERVERS AND PARTICIPATION IN OBSERVER FUNCTIONS SHOULD BE DELETED. ALL AGREED. THE REMAINDER OF THE TEXT WAS APPROVED AS WRITTEN. THE CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED FOR A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHO SHOULD PRESENT THE DRAFTPROPOSAL DURING THE NEXT PLENARY SESSION WITH EAST REPS. CANADIAN REP OBSERVED THAT

THE LUXEMBOURG REP HAD NOT MADE A PRESENTATION IN SOME TIME AND THAT THEREFORE THE LUXEMBOURG REP SHOULD BE REQUESTED TO MAKE THE PRESENTATION. THE LUXEMBROUG REP AGREED.

C. THE CHAIRMAN REQUEST THAT THE GROUP TURN TO CONSIDERATION OF THE WEEK'S REPORT OF THE AHG CHAIRMAN. THE CHAIRMAN RECOMMENDED THAT THE REPORT BE AMENDED TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT THE EAST HAD ONLY PROVISIONALLY ACCEPTED TO REDUCE THE FREQUENCY OF PLENARIES TO ONE WEEK. ALL AGREED. THE ITALIAN REP RECOMMENDED THAT THE TEXT BE AMENDED TO REMOVE ANY IMPLICATION THAT THE AHG MIGHT HAVE ACCEPTED THE EASTERN DEMAND TO DISCUSS NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND AIR FORCES. THE FRG REP INTERJECTED VARIOUS MINOR CHANGES TO THE TEXT. THE US DEP REP COMMENTED THAT AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE HE BELIEVED THAT THE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT SHOULD BE A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTURAL EVENTS IN VIENNA RATHER THAN ACCOUNT OF AHG INTERNAL ACTIVITIES TO BE MOST USEFUL TO COUNCIL.

D. THE CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCED THE THE AHG WOULD MEET NEXT ON 11 MARCH, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE TURKISH REP. HUMES

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